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**ILLINOIS MAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS FOR
FALSELY OBTAINING FIREARMS IN KENTUCKY AND SELLING
THEM TO THE LATIN KINGS GANG IN CICERO**

—Obtained 10 handguns for Latin Kings gang members' drug trafficking in Cicero, Illinois

OWENSBORO, KY - Sigifredo Gutierrez, age 21, of Bolingbrook, Illinois, was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for aiding and abetting the making of false statements in the acquisition of firearms and for interstate transportation of firearms, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Gutierrez to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Gutierrez had been found guilty of the charges by a jury on February 8, 2007.

On November 27, 2004, a female Kentucky resident purchased ten firearms from Uncle Lee's gun store (a.k.a. Fauntleroy Supply Inc.). In making the purchase, she filled out four different ATF Form 4473's. On each form, she falsely stated that she was the actual buyer of the firearms. In fact, she was purchasing the firearms on behalf of Sigifredo Gutierrez. On December 9, 2004, Gutierrez gave a detailed confession to three ATF officers at the ATF office in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Though not a gang member himself, Gutierrez had some friends who were members of

the Latin Kings, including individuals named "Spotty" and "Joser." In November, 2004, after hearing that Gutierrez was going to Kentucky, Joser asked Gutierrez to pick up some guns for the gang. Gutierrez took \$1,400 and agreed to pick up the guns. To date, six of the firearms have been recovered. However, investigators have not been able to identify and locate "Joser" and "Spotty."

On the drive back up, Gutierrez phoned Joser to arrange delivery, agreeing to put the guns by a garbage can in the park. As Gutierrez drove away from the park, he saw a van with several people in it pull up by the garbage can. Gutierrez stated that he knew the guns were for the Latin Kings and that "[t]hey use the guns to protect their drug spots. Anything they do with those guns is on them, as I did not keep the guns. The Latin Kings in Cicero sell rock cocaine and hydro."

The firearms involved are as follows:

1. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805593
2. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805586
3. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805597
4. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805583
5. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1219246
6. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1219240
7. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1219244
8. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1216472
9. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1216377
10. Haskell Pistol, Model JHP45, .45 Caliber, serial number X422757

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell and it was investigated by the Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Greenville Police Department. The ATF Bowling Green Field Office conducted the investigation, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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